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5. TOUR OF BIEN HOA

A. ON APRIL 11 SENATOR BROOKE SPENT HALF A DAY VISITING TAM MAI ORPHANGE AND THE AN LOI MONTAGNARD REFUGEE CENTER IN BUEN HOA. A TAM MAI THE SENATOR EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF PROPER MEDICAL CARE FOR THE ORPHANS. HE INQUIRED ABOUT ADOPTION PROCEDURE AND AND IF THE GVN HAD SET UP ANY UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES. THE SISTER IN CHARGE SAID THE CHILDREN WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, BUT NOTED THERE WERE PROBLEMS ONE COULD ENCOUNTER. AFTER SEEING SEVERAL CHILDREN FATHERED BY AMERICANS, THE SENATOR SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE TALKING TO THE GVN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.

B. AT AN LOC THE SENATOR TOLD PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANYING HIM: " I AM SATISFIED US AID IS HAVING AN IMPACT HERE. CERTAINLY THERE ARE PROBLEMS HERE BUT I CAN SHOW YOU WORSE PROBLEMS IN MY OWN STATE."

6. MEETING WITH THE VICE- PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER

A. ON PARIL 11 SENATOR BROOKE ALSO MET WITH VICE- PRESIDENT TRAN VAN HUONG AND PRIME MINISTER TRAN THIEN KHIEM. THE SENATOR'S MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT HUONG WAS MOST CORDIAL. THE VICE PRESIDENT REVIEWED THE GVN'S ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION AND CITED THE SERVICEMEN'S MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND
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SAVINGS FUND AFFAIR. THE VICE- PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TOTAL BACKING FROM THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS USING SECRET FUND TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. (SEE SAIGON 6201.)

B. IN MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER KHIEM, THE SENATOR ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE. KHIEM AVOIDED BEING OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC, BUT MENTIONED THE HIGH RATE OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION. THE PRIME MINISTER IMPLIED THAT THIS YEAR'S SENATE ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER SIDE. (SEE SAIGON 6282.)

7. MEETING WITH LUONG NHI KY AND PHAN QUAN DAN

A. ON APRIL 12 SENATOR BROOKE MET WITH LUONG NHI KY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS PHAN QUANG DAN, MINISTER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT AND HAMLET ESTABLISHMENT. SENATOR BROOKE'S CONVERSATION WITH KY COVERED A VARIETY OF TOPICS. INTER ALIA THE SENATOR ASKED ABOUT NON- COMMUNIST POLITICAL PRISONERS AND HANDED MR. KY A LIST OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS ABOUT WHOSE FATE THE SENATOR SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INQUIRIES. KY SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE NAMES ON THE LIST, BUT UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEND THE INFORMATION TO THE SENATOR THROUGH THE EMBASSY.

B. IN THE COURSE OF SENATOR BROOKE'S CALL ON DR. DAN, THE LATTER EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT THE CEASE- FIRE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE GVN RESTRICTIONS ON COMMUNISTS IN SAIGON WERE " RIDICULOUS". DAN SAID HE OFTEN URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT THE COMMUNISTS TO MOVE ABOUT AND SEE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN THE RVN. HE HAD ARGUED THAT ONLY BY INCREASING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS THERE HOPE OF EVENTUALLY BRINGING PEACE. SENATOR BROOKE COMMENDED DR. DAN FOR HIS VIEWS, WHICH THE SENATOR SAID WERE LIKE HIS OWN.

8. MEETING WITH THE ACTING POLISH DELEGATE

A. ON THE MORNING OF HIS DEPARTURE, APRIL 13, SENATOR BROOKE HAD COFFEE WITH THE ACTING HEAD OF THE POLISH DELEGATION, STANISLAW STAWLARSKI, WHO DECRIED ALLEGED GVN OBSTRUCTIONISM AND GENERALLY FOLLOWED THE PRG LINE. STAWLARSKI DID NOT, HOWEVER, CRITICIZE THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO SAID THE ICCS COULD DO ITS JOB, DESPITE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST AND NON- COMMUNIST

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DELEGATIONS.

B. STAWLARSKI OUTLINED THREE MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A TRUE CEASE- FIRE: (1) DELINEATION OF AREAS OF CONTROL AND AIR CORRIDORS; (2) SINCERE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PRG AND GVN; AND (3) GUARANTEEING " FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM," TO INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OF ARTICLE IV OF THE GVN CONSTITUTION, WHICH OUTLAWS THE COMMUNIST PARTY. (SEE MECON, DATED APRIL 13.)

9. PRESS CONFERENCE

A. SENATOR BROOKE HELD A WELL ATTENDED 30- MINUTE AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE LEAVING SAIGON. THE SENATOR NOTED THE GVN HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT IN 1967. HE EXPRESSED HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD BROADEN HIS GOVERNMENT.

B. ON CAMBODIA, THE SENATOR REPORTED HE HAD SEEN NO REAL POPULAR SUPPORT FOR PCINCE SIHANOUK. HE ADDED THAT LON NOL HAD MADE MISTAKES, BUT THESE WERE NOT IRREPARABLE. HE SAID THAT THE MARSHALL SHOULD ALSO BROADEN THE BASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. (SEE SAIGON 6339.)
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